



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Congenital heart defects are the most common type of birth defect and one of the leading causes of deaths relating to birth defects worldwide; and
- WHEREAS: More than one million families across America face the challenges of raising a child affected by congenital heart defects. Each year, approximately 40,000 babies are born in the United States with such conditions; and
- WHEREAS: Some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth. Many cases of sudden cardiac death among young athletes are the result of undiagnosed congenital heart conditions; and
- WHEREAS: Despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are still not routinely screened for congenital heart defects; and
- WHEREAS: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for individuals and families impacted by such conditions to celebrate life, remember loved ones lost, honor dedicated health professionals, and share information with the general public; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2018, as CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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